

**IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

vs.

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT
OF ARREST WARRANT**

Adams, Christopher Lee
DOB: [REDACTED]

CR119-1C87

Defendant.

Jonathan Carda, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is a Detective of the Sioux Falls Police Department and states that he is one of the officers in charge of the investigation of the above-styled matter. That your Affiant makes this Affidavit in support of the State's Attorney's request for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named Defendant(s), and in compliance with SDCL 23A-2-2, and states as follows:

1. On 03/10/19 at 0753 hours, Officers of the Sioux Falls Police Department were dispatched to █ N. Evergreen Dr. in reference to a burglary in progress. Based on this call for service, case number 2019-4212 was generated.
 2. Officers enroute were informed by Metro Communications that a neighbor called 911 to report an unknown subject was inside the residence of █ N. Evergreen Dr. The following update to officers was that there was blood on a female who resides in the residence and someone had been hurt.
 3. Upon arrival, █ DOB: █ was seen exiting █ N. Evergreen Dr. █ is a resident of █ N. Evergreen Dr. and directed Officers to █ N. Evergreen Dr. Officers entered the front door and saw a male laying on the entryway floor "covered on blood." There was no one else present in the living area of the residence.

4. Officers noted pools of blood surrounding this person and officers noted shallow distant gasps for breath from the person on the floor. The victim had what appeared to be two stab wounds to his upper left chest area.
5. As officers were assisting the injured person, the Defendant collected his three children, ages 2, 8 and 10, and exited the residence through the side garage door. The Defendant took his children to [REDACTED] N. Evergreen Dr., asked the neighbor to watch his children, and then walked away from the area, crossing through back yards.
6. Responding Officers, Sioux Falls Fire and Paramedics attempted life saving techniques, however they were unsuccessful. The victim, Baker, Ronnie Jerome DOB: [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 08:11 hours.
7. Responding Officers talked to Tiffany Adams, wife of the Defendant. She stated the victim arrived at her residence sometime during the prior evening. At about 0600 hours, the Defendant yelled at Tiffany Adams, who was sleeping down stairs, to come up stairs. Tiffany Adams saw the victim and Defendant seated at the dining room table engaged in a verbal argument about "magazine sales". There were numerous alcohol containers located on the kitchen table and floor.
8. Tiffany Adams told to Detectives that during the argument, the Defendant stated to the victim, "Do we need to do a pocket check," implying the victim had stolen money from the Defendant and wife. The victim took the contents of his pockets out and placed them on the table to demonstrate he did not have property belonging to the Defendant.
9. Tiffany Adams then went to the restroom and while there, she heard the verbal argument continue between the Defendant and victim. Tiffany Adams recalled hearing the Defendant tell the victim to leave the residence. She heard the Defendant state he "would do whatever he need too to protect his family."
10. Tiffany Adams exited the bathroom and saw the Defendant pinning the victim against the wall next to the door. The Defendant's hand was around the victim's neck. Tiffany Adams saw a brown handled folding knife, with blade exposed, laying on the floor in the living room. She reported she knew this knife to belong to the Defendant.

11. Tiffany Adams picked up the knife, retracted the blade and she stood in the hallway, away from the living room. The Defendant walked toward her, took the knife away from Tiffany Adams. The Defendant then moved to the threshold between the kitchen and living room.

12. The Defendant told the victim to open the door. Tiffany Adams heard footsteps and she saw the Defendant raise his hand up and extend his arm, with knife in hand, toward the victim. Her view was partially obstructed by a wall. She had previously reported to Officers she "heard the stab."

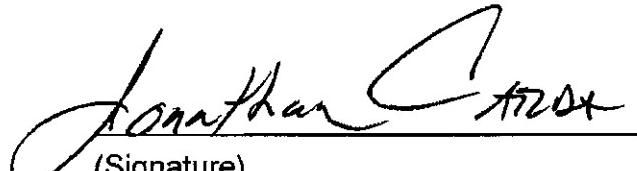
13. Tiffany Adams told Officers, "Chris stabbed him." She saw the victim on the floor and ran to the neighbor's house at █ N. Evergreen Dr.

14. Officers located the Defendant in the street in the 6200 block of W. 9th St. He was walking east, away from his residence, talking on his phone (Silver LG G6). The Defendant refused to follow the verbal commands of the Officers and he was then physically restrained. The object used in the apparent stabbing was not located on the Defendant's person.

15. During the ongoing investigation, Officers located a folding knife in the snow, located between █ N. Evergreen Dr. and █ N. Evergreen dr. The blade was folded with apparent blood drops located on the snow near the knife.

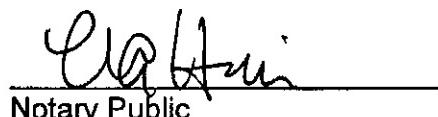
16. On the afternoon of 03/10/19 a child forensic interview was held at Sanford's Child's Voice with the Defendant's daughter, 10-year-old █ DOB: █ reported she "heard thumps" and then heard the Defendant say, "come any closer and I'll kill you." █ stated the victim said words to the effect of "what are you going to kill me with? You gotta gun?" █ then said she heard her mother screaming.

17. Your Affiant swears the above information is true and correct to the best of his ability and that these events occurred in the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, State of South Dakota.


(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 10th day of March

, 2019


LeAnne Harries
Notary Public

